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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN REACTION TO MOZAMBIQUE DISTURBANCES

1. THE UPRISING IN MOZAMBIQUE BY WHITES HAS DOMINATED THE NEWS MEDIA IN ANGOLA SINCE SUNDAY BUT THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY TWO PUBLIC REACTIONS: A STATEMENT BY ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO; AND A DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT BY WHITES IN NOVA LISBOA WHO BRIEFLY TOOK OVER THE LOCAL RADIO STATION.

2. THE ADMIRAL'S STATEMENT, GIVEN TO THE PRESS ON SEPT 9, WAS DESIGNED TO CALM WHITE FEARS OF A SELLOUT BY THE JUNTA TO THE ANGOLAN LIBERATION GROUPS. HE STRONGLY REITERATED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS THAT "THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION IN ANGOLA WILL BE VIA DEMOCRATIC MEANS, WITH COMPLETE RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL SECTORS OF THE POPULATION," AND THAT "THE FORM OF ITS CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT WILL BE DECIDED BY ANGOLA AND BY ANGOLANS, I REPEAT BY ANGOLA AND BY ANGOLANS, AND BY NO ONE ELSE."

3. ON SEPT 8 IN NOVA LISBOA A CARAVAN OF ABOUT 200 AUTOS DRIVEN BY YOUNG WHITES MOVED THROUGH THE CITY MANIFESTING SUPPORT FOR THE FREE MOZAMBIQUE MOVEMENT THAT HAD TAKEN OVER THE CENTRAL RADIO STATION IN LOURENCO MARQUES. THE CARAVAN STOPPED AT THE RADIO STATION IN NOVA LISBOA AND FORCED THE ANNOUNCER TO
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BROADCAST A STATEMENT OF THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF NOVA LISBOA

FOR THEIR COMPATRIOTS IN MOZAMBIQUE. BRIGADEIRO PINTO MAGALHAES, ARMY COMMANDER AND A MEMBER OF THE ANGOLAN JUNTA, WHO WAS IN NOVA LISBOA AT THE TIME, MET WITH THE LEADERS OF THE DEMONSTRATION AND REASSURED THEM OF THE JUNTA'S INTENT TO RESPECT WHITE RIGHTS. THE GROUP ACCEPTED THE GENERAL'S PROMISES AND DISBANDED. SOURCES IN THE GOVERNMENT TOLD US ON SEPT 10 THAT THE SITUATION IN NOVA LISBOA IS BACK TO NORMAL.

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